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Ron Hotson thought differently. He believed that solid wood furniture fit just as comfortably into newly built houses as it did into older, traditional homes and that customers would appreciate beautiful design and a solid build.

Going beyond simple belief, Ron Hotson took the plunge and opened a furniture store in Old Witney Road in Eynsham.

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A second shop opened in the Abingdon Road, Oxford, in early 1990 and although this shop was smaller, business followed a similar pattern and sales took off.

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A Touch of Pine had always prided itself on the way it looked after its customers, and this didn't change when another store opened in Banbury during 1992 in a prime location on the Southam Road, followed by stores in Stokenchurch in 1993, Aylesbury in 1994 and Swindon in 1999.

A Touch of Pine soon covered most of the Thames Valley area, selling many ranges of solid pine furniture for the bedroom, dining and living room. It's fleet of vans, delivering every day of the week across the area, became a well-known sight as the company's recognition grew throughout Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

Business changed over the next few years. Shops were modernised and extended. Oak furniture arrived in the market and grew into a popular alternative to solid pine furniture. The internet became first an additional avenue for advertising and then a marketplace of its own. A Touch of Pine took the name you know today: A Touch of Pine A World of Oak and now sells furniture across the UK from two superstores in Banbury and Bicester and a comprehensive website that shows all our oak and pine furniture collections.

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Surprised? Probably not, since making the most of the pieces you've bought is just common sense. We tend to worry less over what kind of furniture the neighbours have, and more about its fit and usability around the house. Liking (and buying) the same piece of furniture as friends down the road isn't, we're pleased to confirm, like turning up at a friend's wedding in the same dress as the maid of honour.

So yes, there are pieces of furniture that many of you like. And if you've ever wondered which pieces of furniture are the most popular in our stores, then why not check out our HOT FURNITURE TOP TEN. Do you own any of these?

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Housing Crisis Summit will be of 'no value', say Labour

WE HAVE MOVED BEYOND TALKING ABOUT IT

CALLS for a Housing Crisis Summit have been blocked amid worrying affordability statistics for homes in the city.

By **Jack Johnson**

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A Lloyds Bank survey has revealed Oxford's average house prices are now over 11 times the gross average earnings in the city.

The survey, released at the end of last week, revealed the average house price in Oxford is £340,864, maintaining its place as the least affordable city in the UK.

City Council leader Bob Price (pictured) says the price of housing in Oxford "reflects the excess of demand over supply of housing".

He added: "There is nothing that the council can do to affect that market outcome other than try to identify sites for new housing and get developers to build."

In response to the survey, Green councillor Sam Hollick, Holywell ward member, proposed a motion to council on Monday for an Oxford Housing Crisis Summit.

But, the motion was amended by Labour councillor Scott Seamons, board member for Housing, who asked council to support the urban expansion of the city

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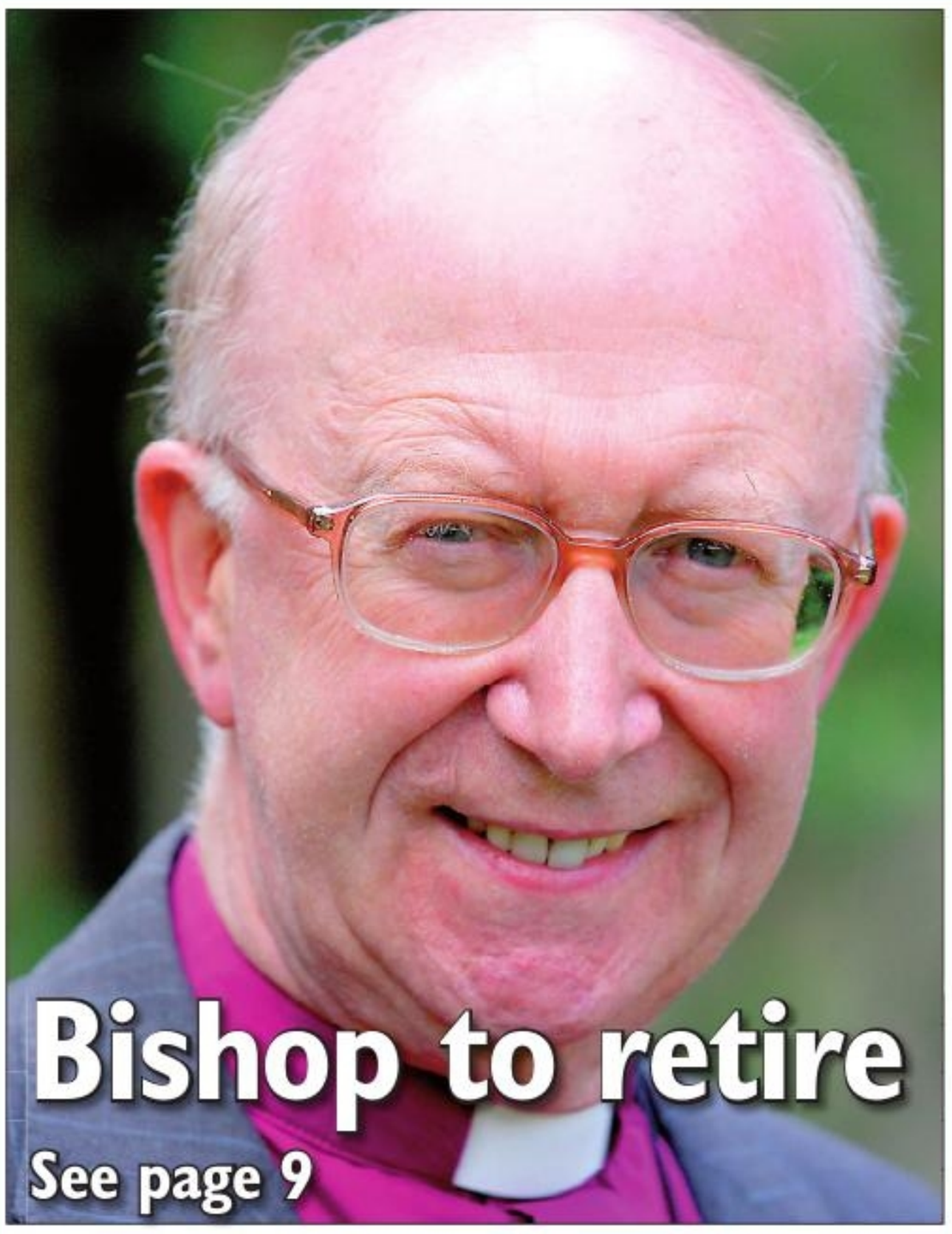

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Deer numbers on the rise in county

• *Deer sightings were up in Oxfordshire compared to the UK average, but red squirrels were much rarer (Pictures by Andy Hay and Niall Benvie)*

THE RSPB have revealed the results of their latest wildlife survey in Oxfordshire, which shows muntjac deer are thriving in the county compared to the rest of the UK.

More than 270,000 people nationwide took part in the survey, where they recorded the number of animals that made visits to their gardens.

Muntjac deer were seen at least once a month by 20 per cent of participants in Oxfordshire, compared to a national average of just over six per cent.

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Figures also showed there were more sightings of grey squirrels, roe deer, hedgehogs and common frogs in comparison to the UK average.

However, there were less badgers and common toads recorded in Oxfordshire, and just 0.4 per cent of the county's participants saw at least one red squirrel a month, compared to 2.7 per cent for the UK as a whole.

The results were collected by people taking part in the charity's Big Garden Birdwatch, where those taking part were asked to record other wildlife in their gardens for the first time in 36 years of the survey.

Daniel Hayhow, RSPB conservation scientist, said: "This massive survey shows how important our gardens are for the amazing variety of wildlife living there.

"The RSPB State of Nature report showed that we need more information across many species groups, so widening the Big Garden Birdwatch's scope to include other animals made perfect sense.

"This is the start of something big and very important. In a few years' time, we'll be able to compare how the distribution of garden wildlife may have changed.

"Hopefully, the fact that more people are helping to give nature a home in their gardens and outside spaces will mean we see improvements rather than declines."

Marina Pacheco, the Mammal Society's chief executive, said: "Those taking part in this year's Big Garden Birdwatch have captured one of the largest snapshots ever recorded for some of our most endearing and threatened mammals.

"As well as taking part in an enjoyable survey, participants have greatly increased our understanding of the distribution and relative abundance of UK mammals."

New first aid unit searches for volunteers

ST John Ambulance is appealing for volunteers to join a new unit dedicated to providing first aid at sporting events at the Kassam Stadium.

Home to Oxford United and London Welsh, the stadium is used regularly by thousands of fans.

St John Ambulance volunteers provide first aid cover to supporters at every match, but the charity feels a unit dedicated solely to the stadium would be more beneficial.

While existing volunteers will join the new unit, area manager Andrew Frost is looking for more local people to sign up.

"Anyone interested in joining must have first aid at the forefront of their minds," he said.

"I can certainly say that being a St John Ambulance volunteer is extremely rewarding and it's great to be able to give something back to your local community."

One of the roles on offer is a unit manager, along with other senior roles.

No previous medical experience is required, and for more information, go to www.sja.org.uk.

City accolade

THE director of The Ashmolean Museum will be awarded the Freedom of the City this summer.

Professor Christopher Brown, who is retiring later this year, has led the museum since 1998 and will be presented the ceremonial scroll at the Town Hall in July.

Cllr Bob Price, leader of Oxford City Council, says members were unanimous in the decision, adding that it is "the perfect way of acknowledging the debt of gratitude that the people of Oxford have to Prof Brown".

He added: "The transformation of the Museum, the programme of high profile special exhibitions, and the welcome that it now offers to everyone is a huge legacy that will be marked by this singular honour."

Prof Brown was delighted with the news.

"I am absolutely thrilled to be honoured in this way by the city of Oxford," he said.

"My intention from the very beginning was to open up the Museum to a much broader public, particularly to the people of Oxford and Oxfordshire."

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Expanding Oxford's global reach

CITY-BASED Activate Learning will open three further education colleges in Saudi Arabia.

The women-only colleges will open in September as part of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Colleges of Excellence Project.

Activate Learning, previously known as the Oxford and Cherwell Valley College Group, is working with GEMS Education Solutions and Moulton College, to open the colleges.

The three colleges in the towns of Al Jouf, Arar and Qurayyat will be among 26 to open this year.

Sally Dicketts, chief executive of Activate Learning, said: "The colleges represent a significant investment in the training and development of women in Saudi Arabia, empowering them to develop the technical skills and qualifications required for successful futures.

"We are also excited about the benefits this will bring for our UK-based students, both in terms of expanding our global reach and generating additional revenue which can be re-invested in teaching and learning facilities."

Students will focus on English language training in the first year.

They will then specialise in vocational areas including healthcare, business, IT and finance, hair and beauty, fashion design, and agriculture.

Activate Learning will develop the colleges' curriculum.

High house prices leads to call for crisis summit

• *From front page*

both in the north and south.

It was passed with 32 votes in favour, in what Green councillors labelled a 'wrecking amendment'.

"Oxford has the least affordable housing in the UK," said Cllr Hollick, who wants to bring together tenants, residents, landlords, housing charities, district authorities, and housing providers to identify potential solutions.

"Rents are sky-rocketing, rough sleeping is on the increase, families are being relocated to other counties, and new house-building cannot keep pace with demand.

"We need to think strategically and creatively about how to meet

By **Jack Johnson**

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Oxford's current and future housing needs.

"The council administration clearly thinks it has all the answers, but its track record suggests otherwise."

Cllr Seamons' amendment described a housing summit as "no more than a talking shop", asking council to focus on agreeing to new sites.

His amendment asked council to support the urban expansion of sites north through the development of the Northern Gateway and Barton Park areas, and south beyond Grenoble Road.

It continued: "The county wide Strategic Housing Market Assessment identified a need for 27,000 new homes in the city by 2031 and 100,000 in the wider county.

"These needs cannot be met within the city's current boundaries and will require a series of targeted reviews of the Green Belt."

Cllr Price says solutions are being sought through the county wide Strategic Partnership and the City Deal.

"The scale of the housing crisis affecting Oxford has been described and analysed exhaustively in many reports over the past decade," he said. "We have moved beyond talking about it and are working towards solutions.

"The overwhelming need is to identify land for house building on a large scale to meet the identified need for 27,000 new homes in and near the city over the next 15 years, and to release the capital to ensure that at least half of these are for affordable rent."

Oxford City Council has identified land south of Grenoble Road as an ideal location for an urban extension.

However, the government abolished the South East Regional Plan in 2010, which had approved the site three years previously.

Cllr Price added: This Extension is within the Oxford Green Belt so requires a partial review and is in South Oxfordshire so would have to be approved by SODC.

"Discussions with SODC within the Strategic Partnership are ongoing, and a talking shop 'Summit' will not be of any value.

He continued: "Our own Barton development will deliver 900 new homes, and we have 112 more council dwellings being built.

"The Oxpens and Northern Gateway sites will deliver another 1,000 homes, but there are no other sites that we own of which we can work with partners to develop, hence the need to find sites outside the city boundary for 20,000 of the 27,000 figure."

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Burglary appeal

POLICE are appealing for information after offenders broke into a house in Howard Street between 6pm on Thursday and 1am on Friday last week.

Two laptops, a tablet computer, cash and jewellery were taken from the property, including a gold wedding band that has sentimental value to the owners.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Holly Wood on 101.

Alternatively, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Model student

A FORMER Oxford Brookes student has fended off thousands of other applicants to make the final of a national modelling competition.

Lisa Grace, who graduated with a degree in Real Estate Management last year, is a finalist in this year's Top Model Worldwide and Top Model UK.

She has previously been involved in fashion shows in Oxford, London and abroad, working with designers such as Angel Sadel and Tina Lobondi.

Spanish royalty

QUEEN Sofia of Spain will visit Oxford University's Exeter College on April 29.

She will attend a colloquium, celebrating the teaching and research in Spanish Literature at the college, before taking a tour of the grounds.

The college will also put on a concert while the Queen of Spain will hear from members of the university's Spanish subfaculty.

Celebrations for the city's youth hockey teams at annual festival

OXFORD Hockey Club hosted their 22nd Rover Hockey Festival over the weekend, with over 500 children taking part in the area's traditional end of season seven-a-side finale.

It took place at Cokethorpe School in Witney, and featured teams participating from all over the south, and even as far afield as Northern Ireland.

Both Oxford clubs finished in three of the top four places in the under 12 boys tournament, with Oxford Hawks winning 5-0 against Aylesbury.

In the under 14 girls competition, Oxford just missed out on a place in the final after losing 1-0 on penalty shuttles to eventual runners-up Cirencester.

Oxford A went unbeaten in the under eight mixed competition, collecting the winners' medals with a 4-1 victory in the final over Wallingford.

And the under 10s saw Oxford just lose out to Wallingford in the final, after a 1-1 game was decided on penalties.

Festival organiser Nick Malden said: "It was fantastic to see so many children taking part in this Olympic sport.

"The increase in both numbers and standard demonstrates a continuing legacy from 2012," he added.

• ***Oxford's under eight squad celebrates victory at Cokethorpe School***

Queen's batonbearers announced

OXFORD City Council has announced the names of three of the four 'batonbearers' who will carry the Queen's baton when it arrives in Oxford ahead of the Commonwealth Games.

Ian Warland from Sandhills, Juliet Field of Cutteslowe and Jonny Pemberton from Oxford will feature in the relay celebrations when it arrives in the city on June 6.

Dame Kelly Holmes, president of Commonwealth Games England, said: "Our batonbearers are going to play a crucial part when the Queen's Baton Relay arrives in England on May 31.

"They have all been selected due to their passion for sport and the way in which they share this with their communities and look to get people involved and active.

"I'm encouraging everyone in Oxford to get involved when the Queen's Baton Relay comes the city."

The Commonwealth Games takes place in Glasgow from July 23 to August 3.

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Group vow to take their time on Cowley Pool bid

By **Adam Flinn**

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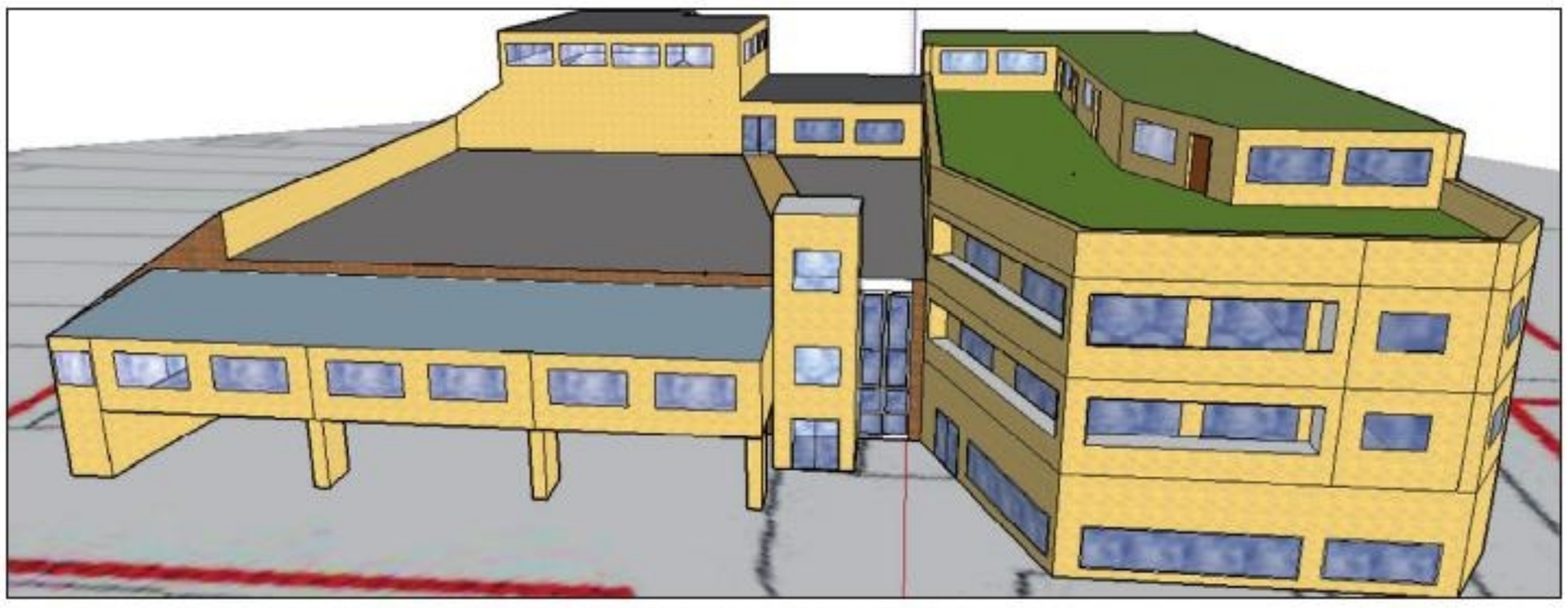
A COMMUNITY group has been given a six month extension to bid on the Temple Cowley Pools site, and are hoping to keep the facility open.

Save Temple Cowley Pools (Save TCP) are currently working on a plan to retain health and fitness provisions on the site, as well as creating a new community centre and around 30 houses.

Oxford City Council put the site up for sale in January, and developers had until tomorrow to submit their applications.

But last week, the council approved Save TCP's nomination for the site to be registered as an Asset of Community Value, giving the group an extra six months to finalise their plans.

It comes as Save TCP's seventh petition, asking for the council to work with the group to retain leisure facilities on site, was debated by councillors on Monday night.



• *(Above and below) Save TCP's proposed designs for the site (Pictures courtesy of Save TCP)*

Nigel Gibson, from Save TCP, said: "As a community group, we are entitled to put forward a right to bid, and the council works with us to ensure we can come up with the best possible offer for what will benefit the community.

"We had a financially stable plan already, but now that we have six months, we're going to take our time to make sure we get the most financially viable offering that means we can get the best return for the area. What we were asking in the petition was if the council would work with campaigners to come up with a solution that retained health and fitness on the site.

"It was disappointing that the Labour contingent felt they didn't want to support us, but the council process itself is for the council officers to work with us to come up with a bid that can be seen as viable."

Leader of the city council and Labour member Bob Price said: "The council has identified the site as a potential housing site, but all the bidders will be assessed against the criteria of best value for taxpayers.

"There is no specific preference for maintaining a pool, but some community recreation facilities on the site are highly desirable.

"The council will accept the bid which represents the best value for money."

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Witness appeal

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a cyclist tried to rob a 54-year-old man along Marston Ferry Road.

At 8.30pm on April 8, the victim was walking his dog along the cycle path towards Summertown when he was approached by a man on a bicycle.

The offender threatened the victim and demanded money, but was pushed away and fled the scene.

Police are now searching for an Asian man in his mid 20s, of a medium build, with short dark bushy hair.

He was wearing dark rimmed glasses and a dark jacket.

Call 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Handbag stolen

A 23-YEAR-OLD woman had her handbag stolen while outside the Botanical Gardens last week.

Between 10.30am and 11am on April 8, the victim was walking from St Clements towards the city centre, when a man approached her from behind and pulled her handbag off her shoulder.

The handbag was later recovered in Rose Lane, without the purse. Call 101.

Improving mental health care

THE chief executive of Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust has pledged to improve care for people with schizophrenia and psychosis in the county.

Stuart Bell made the comments at a conference in London last week, which was organised by national charity Rethink Mental Illness.

It comes following the publication of a new report by the charity and the London School of Economics, which found that investing in good quality care for sufferers can lead to long-term savings for the NHS.

Mr Bell said: "Oxford Health NHS Trust is absolutely committed to making sure people with mental health problems get the same standard of care as those with physical illnesses.

"We're always looking for new ideas for how we can do things better and how we can use the resources we have as effectively as possible."

Victoria Bleazard of Rethink Mental Illness said: "Mental health is chronically underfunded.

"Not only do we want to see mental health getting a fairer share of the budget, but we also need to make sure that the money that is available is spent as efficiently as possible."

• *Stuart Bell made the pledge at the charity conference last week*

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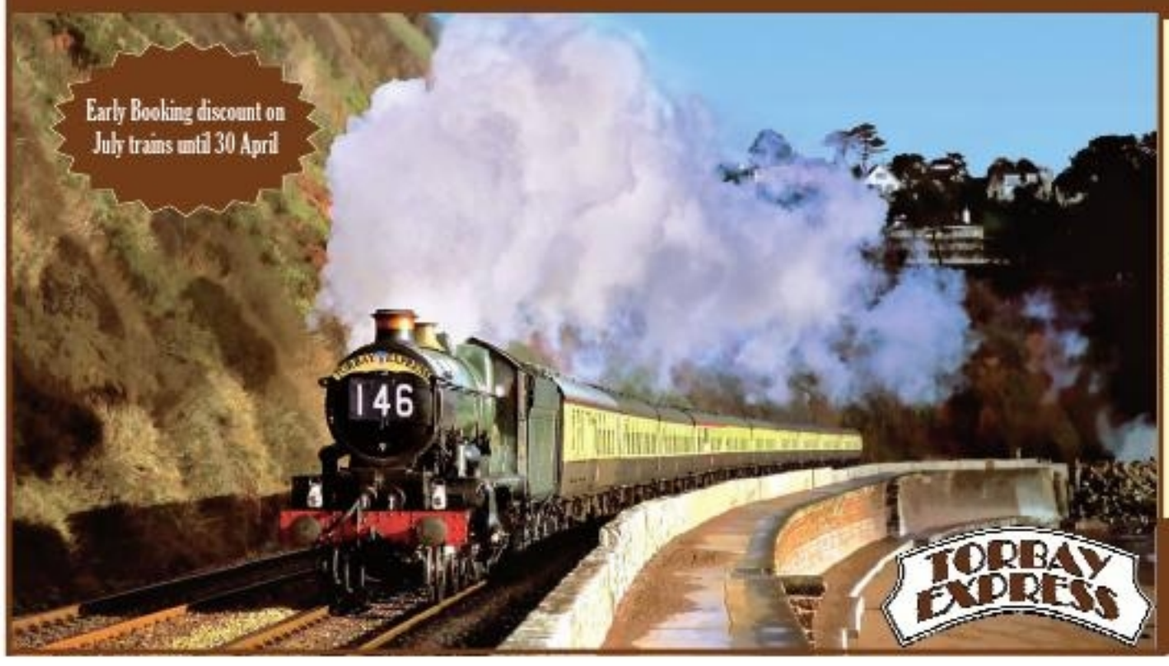

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Man jailed in rape case

By **Adam Flinn**

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A WOOTTON man, found guilty of 12 counts of rape, 11 of indecent assault and one of attempted rape, was sentenced to 15 years in prison at Oxford Crown Court last Friday.

Terry Haynes, 71, of Mathews Way, maintained his innocence throughout the four-day trial of the charges against him, relating to incidents that took place between 1980 and 1990.

The charges of rape and indecent assault related to one woman when she was a child, while the attempted rape was of another woman.

Oxford Crown Court heard that Haynes would tell people he was an ordained minister of the free church, referring to himself as the Rev Haynes.

Judge Patrick Eccles, sentencing, spoke of the "hypocrisy" this represented, while condemning Haynes for his actions.

He continued: "These charges represent depravity of a very grave order, and what is very sad is both women came to be victims of sexual abuse by other men.

"Over a number of years, you paraded yourself as an ordained minister in the neighbourhood.

"Both are considered to have been damaged by you."

Judge Eccles reduced Haynes' sentence from an 18 years starting point to 15 years, taking into account his ill health.

Lisa Matthews, defending, said to the judge that Haynes and his family were concerned he would die in prison, and that he was suffering from a range of ailments including diabetes, chronic back pain and depression.

News Bites

Spicing it all up

A BOLLYWOOD charity event is being held at the Tree Hotel in Iffley on Saturday evening.

From 7pm, guests will get to try out some Bollywood moves and watch professional performances.

There will also be a raffle and auction to raise funds for The John Watson School in Wheatley. Tickets are £24.95 and should be bought in advance.

Cleaner buses

ELEVEN of Oxford's sightseeing buses have been fitted with clean exhaust technologies in an effort to reduce emissions in the city.

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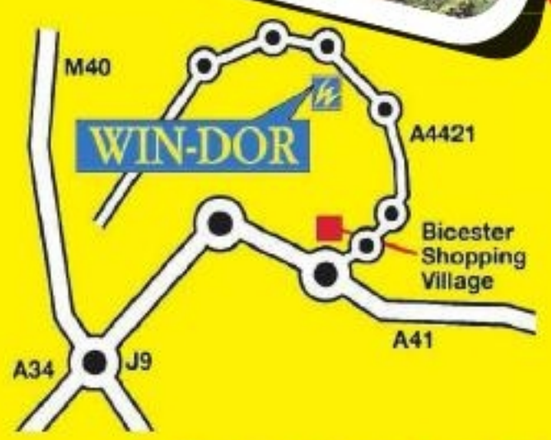

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Bishop of Oxford retires for slower pace of work

THE Bishop of Oxford will retire later this year after seven years in the job, admitting "there's never a good time to go".

By **Jack Johnson**
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Bishop John, 66, announced the news in a letter published on the Diocese of Oxford website last week.

He will leave the post on October 31 and retire to Richmond, North Yorkshire, with his wife, Wendy.

"I do this with very mixed feelings," he said.

"The diocese is full of so many good things that it seems somewhat crazy to leave something I'm enjoying so much.

"The truth is there's never a good time to go."

Bishop John moved to Oxford seven years ago, and says he found the role "an enormous privilege, full of fascination and a lot of fun".

"But I've been ordained now for 42 years," he added, "and have been going at a fair pace for pretty well all of that time.

"It seems only fair to Wendy and the family to give more time to them and to a slower pace of ministry."

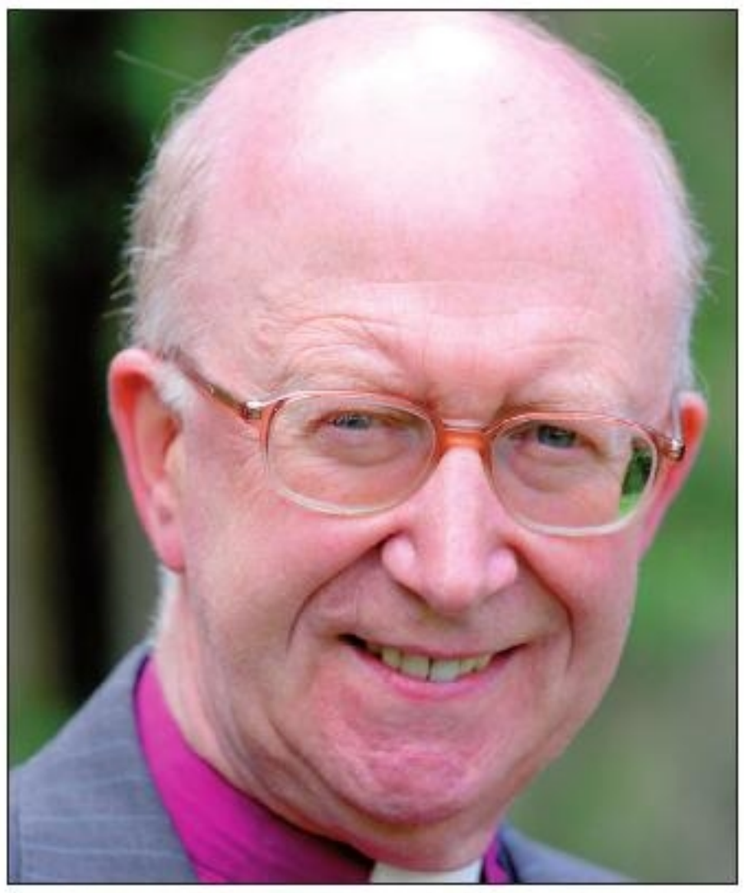
Although he is leaving for Yorkshire, Bishop John believes the diocese is in good health.

He continued: "We've gathered an excellent Bishop's staff team, reshaped for more effective support of our mission.

"The diocese is packed full of fine clergy and wonderful lay people.

"The mission is going forward imaginatively and energetically in our parishes, benefices and schools."

At present it is unknown who the next Bishop of Oxford will be, while Bishop Colin will be acting-Diocesan for the time being.



• *Bishop John will retire at the end of October (Picture courtesy of the Diocese of Oxford)*

News Bites

Greener living

LOW Carbon Oxford will host a week of events this summer in an effort to make the city one of the greenest in the country.

From June 14-22, there will be film showings, food fairs, energy saving and clothes-swapping events.

Taking place across various locations, the events will be held at the Old Museum, Broad Street and Oxford Brookes University.

Sports pavilion

A NEW sports pavilion at Granpoint Recreation Ground will be opened in June.

The pavilion, in White House Road, will have two changing rooms, two official rooms, toilets, a kitchen, and a club room.

Oxford City Council will retain ownership of the pavilion, with Hinksey Park FC leasing the facility.

LVS Oxford days

A NEW Oxfordshire school for young people on the autism spectrum will be holding open days this summer.

LVS Oxford, which will open in September at Begbroke Abbey, is holding open days for prospective students and their parents on June 20 and 21, as well as July 4 and 5.

MP's Corner

Andrew Smith
MP for Oxford East

Paying testament to car manufacturing

ON Saturday I saw off the motor heritage convoy from Cowley to Longbridge.

The fourth annual migration of Cowley-built cars from Oxford to Birmingham showcases 100 vintage city-made cars making their way to the Pride of Longbridge rally in Birmingham, which remembers the 6,000 workers who lost their jobs when MG Rover collapsed in 2005.

In the showcase there were several original Minis, of course - everyone of my generation's first car.

The proceedings paid testament to the incredible amount of skill and hard work that has been the hallmark of car manufacturing in Cowley over the years.

It's wonderful that enthusiasts take such time and care to preserve these historic models, not only an important part of our heritage, but a reminder of times past.

The convoy send-off provided an opportunity to reflect on how manufacturing and industry have evolved over this time, and how good it is that the Cowley was able to attract BMW investments, and what a success the workforce has made of it.

Though times, and the cars, have changed, automotive manufacturing is a vital part of Oxford's economy. It underlines how crucial it is that we sustain this success for the future.

The heritage convoy event was organised by Tanya Field, from Headington, who together with a dedicated team of helpers has worked tirelessly to get everything ready – many thanks to Tanya and everyone else who made Saturday's event such a success.

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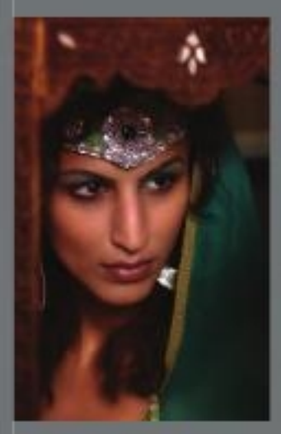

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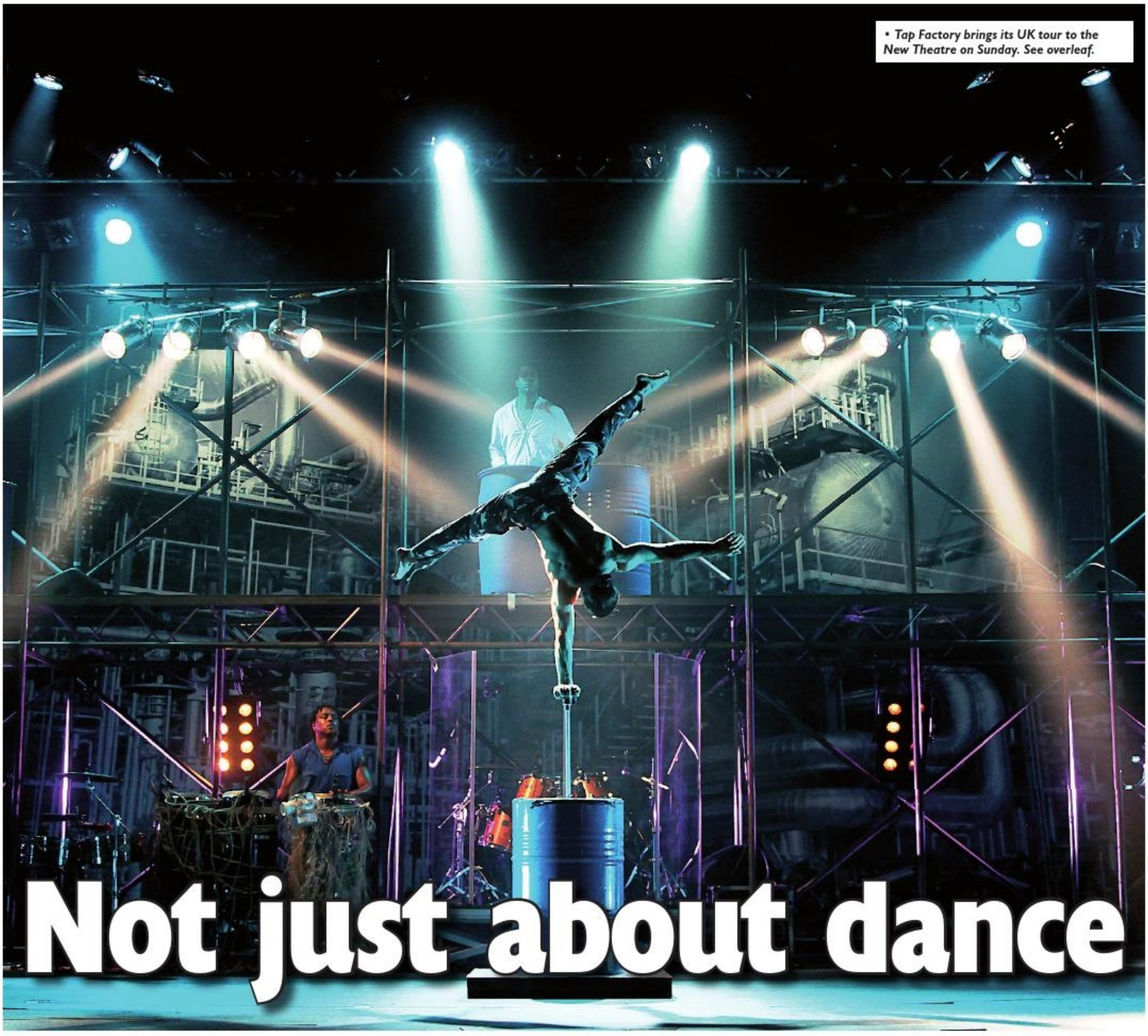

• *Tap Factory brings its UK tour to the New Theatre on Sunday. See overleaf.*

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Poetic account

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Show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10.

Young Kato

INDIE pop band Young Kato headline at the O2 Academy next week.

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Tapping the night away

AN EVENING of dance and acrobatics is coming to Oxford, as Tap Factory brings its UK tour to the New Theatre on Sunday.

By **Adam Flinn**
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The show blends the art of percussion with dance and acrobatics and is performed by a cast of talented male dancers, who are accompanied by a live band for the evening.

Tap Factory is the creation of experienced choreographer and director Vincent Pausanias, who directs and stars in the performance.

"While it's obviously a dance show, it's not just about dance," said Vincent.

"We have a lot of different artists in the show, and the idea is to have diversity and a huge variety of different acts."

Urban tap dance, percussions, comedy and acrobatics are all on the agenda for Sunday's show, and the entire routine took Vincent around a year to create.

"The tour's going very well," Vincent added.

"We were really looking forward to coming to the UK because it is the country of showbusiness!

"We've had a very good reception from the audience, and we are really happy to be here. It's been great.

"I've been a dancer for 20 years, and I've been performing in lots of different shows, tours, cabarets, all sorts of things, and I've been choreographing and directing shows for six or seven years in France and Europe as well.

"But I wanted to create my own show, and with my passion for tap dance, I came up with this."

This will be Vincent's first visit to Oxford, and once the UK tour has finished the cast will be heading off to Israel, Spain, the Netherlands, Russia and Switzerland in future months.

Sunday's show begins at 7.30pm, and tickets start from £23.40. For more details, go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk or call 0844 871 3020.

• Tap Factory comes to the New Theatre this weekend

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Running from April 22-26, ticket prices range between £21.50 and £26.50.

Lucy Porter

COMEDIAN Lucy Porter returns to Banbury's Mill Arts Centre this evening.

Lucy, who makes regular appearances on 'Never Mind The Buzzcocks', 'Mock The Week' and 'The Unbelievable Truth', is well known for her inventive one-liners.

Show starts a 8pm and tickets cost £13.

Swarb presents

'AN EVENING with Swarb' comes to Wallingford's Corn Exchange tonight.

'Said the Maiden', who performed at the Corn Exchange during last year's Bunkfest, are scheduled for the first half of the evening.

After the interval, fiddle-player Dave Swarbrick will perform and answer questions.

For tickets, call 01491 825000.

Heidi's back in Didcot

IRISH folk singer Heidi Talbot performs from her latest album 'Angels Without Wings' in her new tour, coming to the Didcot Cornerstone next Thursday.

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Heidi is accompanied by her husband and bandmate John McCusker for next week's show, and he also featured alongside a number of guest musicians on the new album.

As well as the latest material, there will also be performances from Heidi's earlier albums, including 'Distant Future', 'In Love and Light' and 'The Last Star'.

Speaking about 'Angels Without Wings', Heidi said: "We've had a great reaction, great reviews and people seem to really like it.

"You never make a record just for people to review it, but it's always nice when you get the feedback.

"I think this will be my last UK tour with this record, and then I'll start work on another new one."

After several years working with a record label, Heidi is preparing to release her next album on her own, and is currently renovating a cottage beside her Scotland home to turn into a studio.

Heidi added: "I've gone through a record company for my last four albums, and 'Angels Without Wings' was the last one in my contract.

"Now it feels like I'm free to own the music myself, to release the albums and do it that way, so it's very exciting.

"It's a much better position to be in if you release music, and whatever you're investing into music you're owning it.

"But I haven't planned the new album that much yet, I'm just in the stages of ideas at the moment. The main worries are about the studio and our record label, all the logistics of that, to make it work."

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• Heidi Talbot returns to the Didcot Cornerstone next week

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Telling tales

THE well-known children's tale 'Hansel and Gretel' features at the Kenton Theatre in Henley this afternoon.

Starring CBBC's JezO as Hansel and Jessica Hathaway as Gretel, families will be greeted to a fun and light-hearted show.

For tickets, call 01491 575698.

Shakespeare

IF YOU love or hate Shakespeare, you are guaranteed to enjoy Saturday night's show at the Chipping Norton Theatre.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company, one of the longest running comedies in London's West End, will make its way through the playwright's complete works.

Tickets cost £15 and to book your place, call the box office on 01608 642350.

Viv McLean

PIANIST Viv McLean performs at St John the Evangelist Church on Tuesday, recreating classics from Ludwig van Beethoven and Fryderyk Chopin.

Viv, who studied at the Royal Academy of Music, has previously toured the USA with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Show starts at 7.30pm. To book tickets call 01865 305305.

Army's tour of duty

POST-PUNK, alternative rock band New Model Army descend on Oxford's O2 Academy next Wednesday.

By Jack Johnson
jack@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Oxford is the second stop on their UK tour, with the five-piece also performing in Germany, France, the Netherlands, Sweden and Norway before the end of the year.

Justin Sullivan, Michael Dean, Marshall Gill, Dean White and Ceri Monger make up the band, which was originally formed as a three-piece back in 1980.

Despite never having a Top 20 hit single, New Model Army, whose name originates from the English revolutionary army of Oliver Cromwell, has still sold millions of albums across the world.

However, they will have to perform in Oxford without drummer Michael, who is forced to miss the show following a knee operation.

Michael will be replaced Andy Woodward, who normally drums for Adam Ant's band.

"When it became clear my leg would not allow me to do the April shows, we realised that we would need a stand-in and selected Andy as the best candidate," Michael explained.

"In the meantime we've been working together on new songs, which should be out later this year.

"I'm now looking forward to when I can play live again, which I hope will be very soon".

New Model Army's tour is in support of their new album 'Between Dog and Wolf'.

The new album was released last September, and is described as 'full of atmospheric musical textures while sacrificing none of the band's famous passion'.

The Bradford-based band will play songs off the new EP as well as hits from older albums such as 'Vengeance' and 'Impurity'.

Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets cost £20. For more information and to buy tickets, call 0844 477 2000.

Kohinoor Model Management is a small yet perfectly formed international modelling agency in Oxford. We felt the need to set up an agency to offer a personalised, bespoke approach to the upcoming models, fashion designers and clients. We are quickly becoming recognised for our personal style of management and keen eye for what's happening now and next in the industry.

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A former Oxford Brookes Student was chosen from over 4000 applicants to make it to the final of Top Model Worldwide and Top Model UK. Grand finalist Gulizar also known as Lisa Grace was discovered by her designer friend Angel Sadel who used Lisa as her face of her clothing line in 2009. Over the years Lisa was involved in various fashion shows in London, Oxford and abroad working with designers such as Angel Sadel, Sakeena Ali, Lenie Boya and the London Fashion Week designer Tina Lobondi. She also worked with Oxford's well known hairdresser Anne Veck. However, Lisa's main focus was to finish her degree in BSc Hon Real Estate Management at Oxford Brookes University which she successfully achieved last year. Now she wants to devote some time in her modelling carrier to fulfil her passion in this industry. She meets the perfect criteria to be a Top Model with the ideal height 5'11 and measuring 34'28'34.

She said: "The designers I have worked with and the photographer Adrian Krajewski were all very inspiring to me and have encouraged me to take my modelling career further. I am so lucky to have met all these people in this industry and of course my biggest sponsors Bar-meze Oxford who have supported me over the years."

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19 Apr - 20 Apr
Waterperry Gardens, Nr Wheatley
FRITILLARY WEEKEND
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www.waterperrygardens.co.uk 01844 339226

22 Apr, 7:30pm
Burton Taylor Studio, Oxford
MATILDA & ME
Ria Hartley's colourful and touching production weaves together storytelling, autobiography, dubpoetry, live art and reggae music, as she reflects on her grandmother's life.
www.oxfordplayhouse.com

22 Apr - 26 Apr
Oxford Playhouse
THIS MAY HURT A BIT
Theatre company Out of Joint returns with biting political comedy. Starring Stephanie Cole, this new play explores one family's journey through the digestive system of the NHS.
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23 Apr, 7:30pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
MARGARITA AND THE HOUSE OF LOVE
This is the last chance to see acclaimed band Casa Margarita as they come the end of their Oxfordshire tour: Don't miss their brilliant story concert, bringing you tales and music from an unusual old house in Seville.

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Gerard Logan (The Rape of Lucrece) performs a dramatisation of De Profundis, Oscar Wilde's letter to his lover, written from his prison cell.
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24 Apr, 8pm
Cornerstone, Didcot
HEIDI TALBOT
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The North Wall, Oxford
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WALLINGFORD HISTORY WALKS
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26 Apr, 8:20pm - 11pm
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11am & 2pm

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Neil Clennell is Head of Conservation & Education (Oxfordshire) at BBOWT and is by background, a herpetologist.
http://www.anhso.org.uk

7 May
Cornerstone, Didcot
DIDCOT FILM CLUB: BLACK CAT, WHITE CAT

01235 515 144. www.cornerstone-arts.org

9 May, 8pm
Wallingford Town Hall
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This entertaining talk will look at how British gardening has evolved from its immediate post-glacial roots in the near east, under the influences of climate change and growing communication, and the roles gardens played for the wealthy and ordinary people. Visitors (£3) are most welcome.

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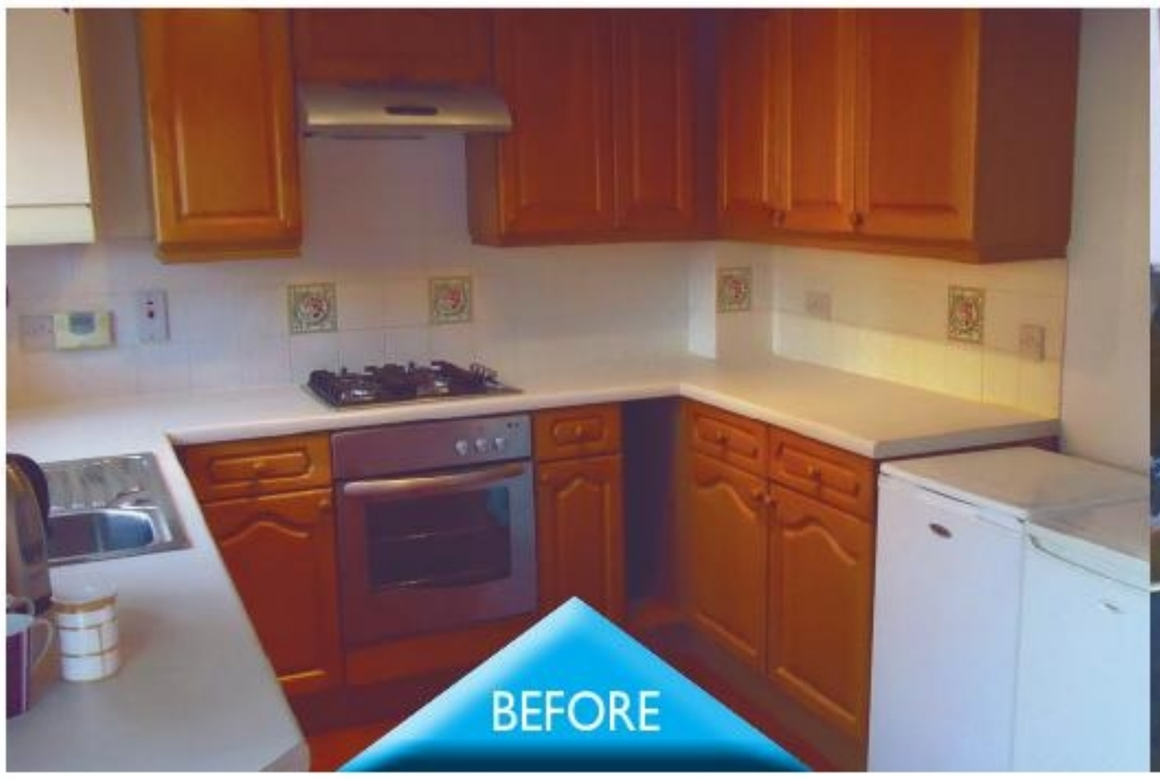

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	8	2			4	6		
9				5	1	7	4	
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Alleviation of misery (11)
9 Malt beverage (3)
10 Broadcaster (9)
11 Insert in a register (5)
13 Part of flax (7)
14 Violate (6)
16 Sacredly obscure (6)
18 Cause pain (7)
19 Kingdom (5)
20 Decorations (9)
21 Can (3)
22 Place for study (7,4)

Quick Clues Down

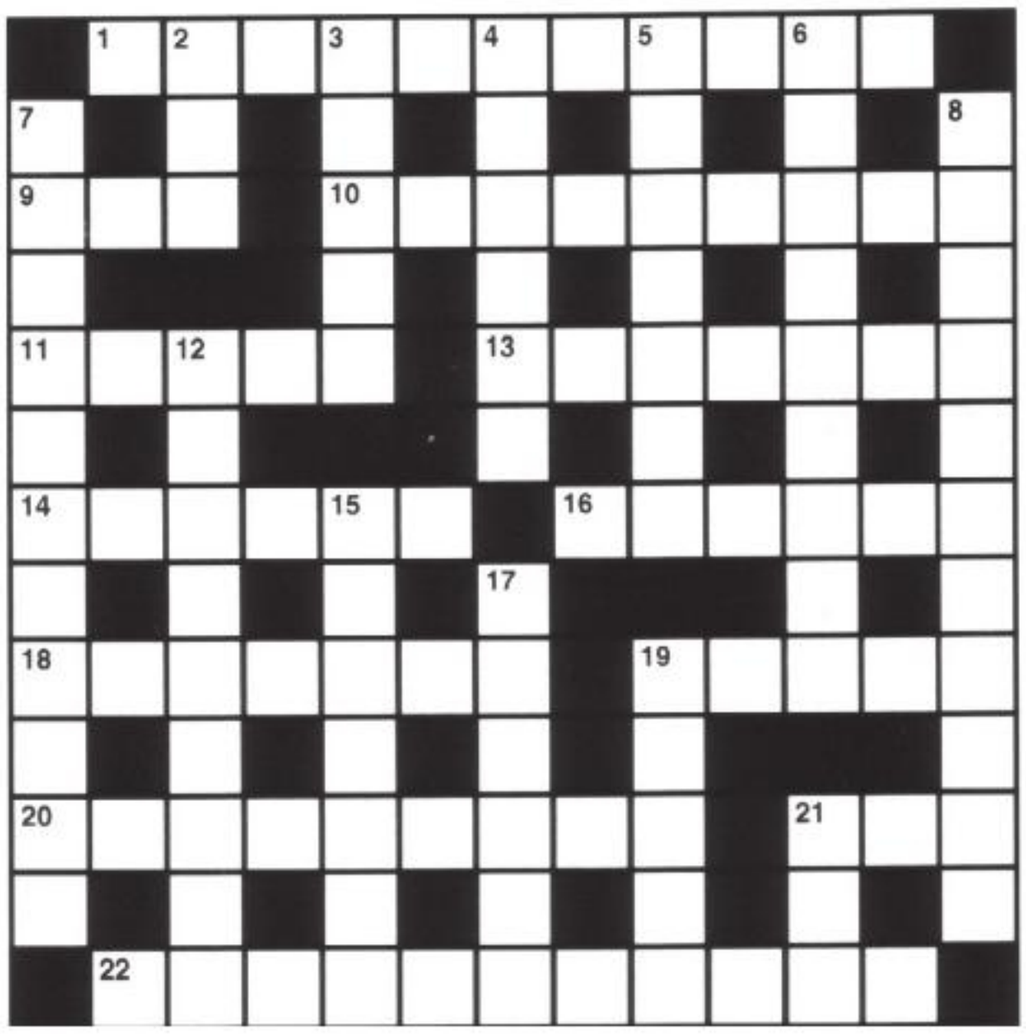
2 Be in debt (3)
3 Wrap for the shoulders (5)
4 Solitary (6)
5 Absence without excuse (7)
6 Musical ensemble (9)
7 Curse (11)
8 Difficulty (11)
12 Respectful awe (9)
15 Tapped (7)
17 Long narrow flag (6)
19 Part of step (5)
21 Cardinal number (3)

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Police chiefs can be real snakes (11)
9 One hopes it will be broken at parties (3)
10 Strike four and come out fighting (9)
11 Conceals the skins (5)
13 Separately, as below (7)
14 Sin-free learner (6)
16 Describe being in charge of the department (6)
18 Walter's turning out good-for-nothing (7)
19 An aid to screen appearance (5)
20 How the baker gets a rise (9)
21 There's nothing in us to produce sadness (3)
22 And I note it's out of the way to the journey's end (11)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Was in debt we hear to poetry (3)
3 Chooses one's tools (5)
4 Drink to the graduates on the dance floor (6)
5 Period certain to be a wash-out (7)
6 Wet roof-edge became less so in the laundry (4,5)
7 Where a financial drop pleases the superstitious? (7,4)
8 Hidden sky sign for office workers (11)
12 Plunder, having saved up for a start (9)
15 Right to alter (7)
17 Confused oil ban in ancient England (6)
19 Nothing left (5)
21 How to make another question (3)



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Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Ruffle 8 Ferrule 9 Unsafe 10 Donations 11 Gage 13 Plait 14 Misused 16 Utility 18 Prate 19 Nero 21 Fortunate 22 Assail 23 Develop 24 Easier

Down: 1 Decollete 2 Armadillo 3 Slain 5 Urns 6 Fracas 7 Evened 9 Until 11 Gun runner 12 Gestation 15 Stool 16 Unmade 17 Irises 20 Steed 21 Fine

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Divers 8 Contact 9 Cleric 10 Stevedore 11 Wine 13 Props 14 Paragon 16 Couples 18 Wrote 19 Erne 21 Tormented 22 Lotion 23 Repeals 24 Rodent

Down: 1 Posterior 2 Stove-pipe 3 Acids 5 Idle 6 Earwig 7 Sicken 9 Cream 11 Warranted 12 Northerly 15 Felon 16 Cellar 17 United 20 Ember 21 Town

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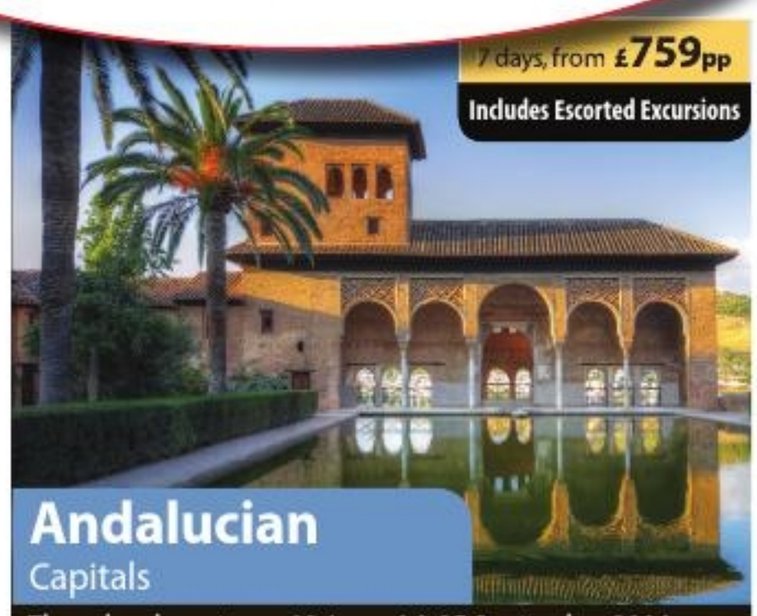

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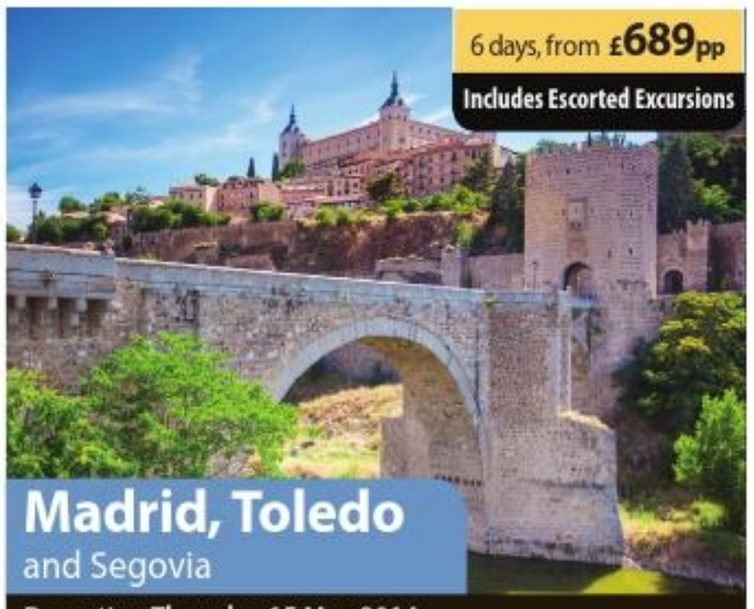

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Gardening...? It's child's play!

When you start this summer's gardening why not recuit some little helpers?

IF THE weather is fine this Easter, (and it's beginning to look like it might be), many parents will be wanting to sort out their gardens - and hopefully encouraging their children to give them a hand along the way.

By **Hannah Stephenson**
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Certainly, with National Gardening Week (April 14-20) on its way too - a scheme launched three years ago by the RHS to celebrate gardening with nationwide events - there really is no excuse not to get your little ones outdoors.

Andrea Fowler, horticultural educator at RHS Garden Wisley, points out that attracting wildlife, seed-sowing and vegetable-growing are all sources of inspiration to young gardeners.

"Spring is definitely here so we can be seed-sowing and planting in earnest. If you just want to get the children outside do an Easter egg hunt in the garden - there are also Easter holiday activities at all four RHS gardens over the holidays.

"If you're sowing seeds with children, sow something that's going to spark their imagination. Plant flower seeds which children will be excited about, like calendula - there's a calendula called 'Porcupine' which is an extra spiky pot marigold. .

"If you're growing veg with children, have a go with 'Pink Fir Apple' potatoes (a main-crop variety with knobbly pink skinned tubers of butter yellow, waxy flesh) or purple potatoes, purple beans and yellow tomatoes, which will get them interested."

Attracting wildlife into the garden will also engage the children, so help them build a mini-beast hotel (although autumn can be a better time to do this when wildlife is looking to hibernate).

A simple bug hotel can be made from a collection of hollow stems packed into a plastic bottle with the end cut off. Several hotels could be placed in different positions such as on the ground among vegetation, fixed on top of a post, next to a wall, half way up a hedge, in a tree, under a bird table. Grander bug hotels can be made by piling up a variety of materials into a tower, or making a wooden frame with a series of compartments and packing these with different fillings.

Remember rotting wood is both a home and source of food for various beetle grubs and a vast army of other mini-beasts, which in turn make a tasty snack for birds, hedgehogs and frogs, so leave an area of the garden wild and build a log pile with the children.

"Children also love worms. If you are working in the garden let them dig with a trowel and they'll love it. ."

You could also help your children make a bird cake, using fat, good quality wild birdseed, raisins, peanuts and grated cheese. Just leave the fat in a warm place to soften, put the other ingredients into a bowl, chop the fat into small pieces and add to the mixture, mixing it together using fingers or a spoon. Put the mixture into a yoghurt pot to hang from your bird table or roll into balls to place on it.

"We need to get the next generation inspired by gardening," Fowler says.

And there's no time like the present to do so.

• Getting kids interesting in gardening helps them connect with nature. Photos: PA Photo/RHS.

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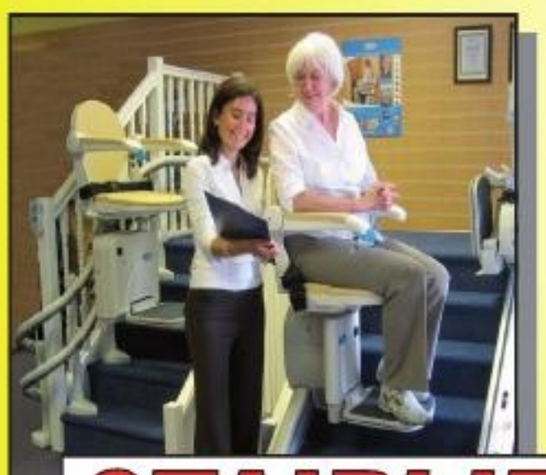

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Prices announced for Mitsubishi's world-first plug-in hybrid SUV

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UK prices for the world's first plug-in hybrid SUV – the Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV –have been announced.

The PHEV range starts at £28,249 for the entry-level GX3h, which is the same as the equivalent Outlander diesel GX3 auto.

Along with laying claim to being the only plug-in hybrid on the market not carrying a price premium for its hybrid technology, the Japanese firm also says that the Outlander PHEV is the most practical vehicle that qualifies for the Government's £5,000 Plug-in Car Grant, with 5 seats, 4WD and a large (463 litre) boot.

The car's ultra-low CO2 emissions of 44 g/km also means there's no Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) payable.

Other highly specified variants of the Outlander PHEV include the GX4h at £32,899 and the £34,999 GX4hs.

The hybrid system comprises a 2.0-litre petrol engine fitted with Mitsubishi's Valve Timing Electronic Control and twin 80 bhp electric motors – one powering each axle – hooked up to a high-capacity 12.0 kWh lithium-ion battery pack. This results in a claimed

REVIEW: Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV

By **Philip Shoulder**

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official economy figure of 148 mpg, with the PHEV able to drive on electric-only propulsion for up to 32.5 miles.

Furthermore, three different driving modes work to derive the most energy efficient propulsion of the Outlander PHEV - EV Drive Mode, Series Hybrid Mode and Parallel Hybrid Mode.

Regenerative Braking also plays its part in assisting efficiency of the hybrid drive train. During deceleration, the motors function as generators so that electricity can be created to charge the drive battery.

The combination of conventional combustion engine and electric operation allows the Outlander PHEV to be efficient on shorter daily commutes and longer less frequent journeys.

The car's exterior style is reflected in the cabin, with what Mitsubishi call a 'simple yet tasteful design', incorporating high-quality materials, giving a rich, premium feel.

A crystal fibre-like dashboard 'envelopes' the driver, and there are ergonomic steering wheel controls and high-resolution, easy-to-read instrument displays including a hi-definition LCD multi-information display system. The base model gets 18" alloy wheels and includes cruise control, Bluetooth, leather steering wheel, privacy glass and electric folding/heated mirrors.

More premium models will boast extras such as a powered tailgate, wide-beam HID headlamps, DAB Radio, heated front seats, electric sunroof, reversing camera and sat-nav. The GX4hs adds adaptive cruise control, lane departure warning and forward collision mitigation system.

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• *The Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV is set to hit showrooms across the UK in May*

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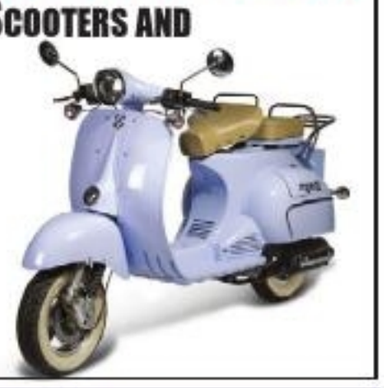

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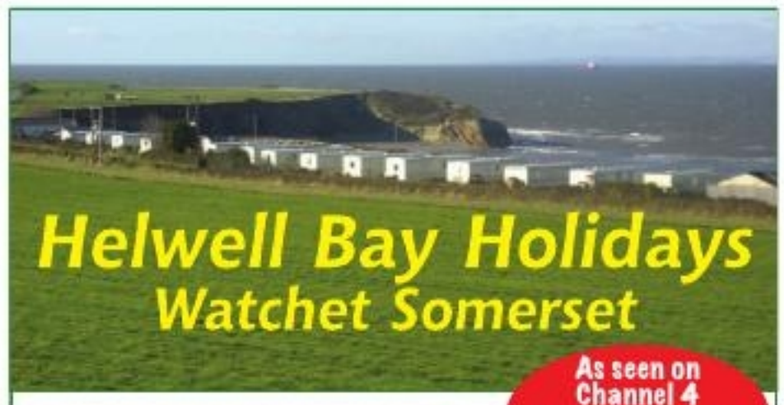
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WIN GETS UNITED BACK IN PLAY-OFFS

Yellows set for York crunch match

DAVE Kitson and James Constable fired Oxford United to their first win in four games last Saturday with an impressive 2-0 victory over fellow play-off hopefuls Plymouth Argyle.

The win saw United return to Sky Bet League Two's play-off places, just a week after York City replaced the U's in the top seven.

And tomorrow's clash at home to the Minstermen could not be more important for United's promotion hopes.

United are currently seventh in the league standings with 62 points, a point ahead of eighth-placed York.

A win for Gary Waddock's side will put a four-point gap between the two sides, with three games remaining in the regular season.

By **Jack Johnson**
jack@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Last weekend's victory on the south-west coast was certainly one that Waddock enjoyed.

"The players deserve the credit, they were magnificent," he said.

"I've got to say a big thank you to the fans that travelled down, it's a long way to come.

"I wanted to show them what it meant, not only for me but for the players and the staff."

United's head coach added: "When you lose a game, you dwell on it too long.

"When you win a game, you put it to bed and leave it, but it's gone now, it's history. We can't affect that.

"We can look forward to our next game against York, which will be one hell of a game and, again, our fans can play an important part."

Waddock played with two wingers at Plymouth in a 4-4-2, with Constable and Kitson leading the line.

However, it was the two wide players, Callum O'Dowda and Ryan Williams, the former in particular, who impressed Waddock.

"I've been really impressed with Callum in training," he said.

"He gives you a bit of pace and an outlet and he's a young lad, so I'm really pleased for him.

"Callum is learning his trade and to come into a game like this and perform the way he did, it must be exciting for him as well.

"Sometimes you need to be brave to stick young players into a game like that, and we've got brave staff."

In the meantime, Constable's goal against Plymouth was his 106th for United, leaving him only one behind Graham Atkinson's club record.

Plymouth Argyle 0
Oxford United 2

• James Constable (foreground) and Dave Kitson were among the goals (Picture by Steve Daniels)

Two defeats for City

OXFORD City were unable to repeat last week's heroics against Telford as they were beaten 2-1 by Altrincham on Tuesday night.

Goals from James Walshaw and Jake Moult condemned City to a second successive league defeat, after a 6-0 hammering at the hands of Gainsborough Trinity last weekend.

Tuesday night's defeat leaves Mike Ford's side fourth from bottom in the Skrill North with 36 points, four points clear of safety with three games of the season remaining.

After two consecutive league defeats, as well as a 2-1 loss to Ardley in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup, City will look to get back to winning ways this weekend.

Ford's men welcome Hednesford Town to Marsh Lane this Saturday.

• Darren Mullings battles for the ball during City's defeat at Gainsborough at the weekend (Picture by Mike Allen)

Welsh storm to victory

LONDON Welsh made it seven consecutive Greene King IPA Championship wins last Saturday, with a bonus point victory over Jersey.

The Exiles eased to a 45-7 win, running in six tries and leaving the squad four points behind league leaders Bristol Rugby, who they will face tomorrow afternoon.

John Quill (2), Joe Ajuwa, Tyson Keats, Matt Corker and Toby L'Estrange went over for the Exiles as they dominated their opponents.

For Quill it was the ideal debut, but the flanker is aware of how tough it will be to stake a claim in the side that will line up in the semi-finals.

"It's so competitive," he said.

"There's a lot of guys putting their hand up for selection for those big games.

"When you do get the opportunity you do need to take full advantage."

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Changing Times Change Design

A Touch of Pine was born at the same time as a famous Swedish flat-pack furniture giant moved into Britain. At the time, industry insiders predicted that the Swedish way was the new way to buy and own furniture and that the only market for solid wood furniture was high end, hand-crafted and designer-led. Ron Hotson still decided to follow his dream – and the last 25 years have proven the doomsayers wrong.

Yes, flat-pack furniture is convenient and popular amongst furniture buyers up and down the country. But individual retailers haven't died out, and neither has our customers' love for solid wood furniture. What has changed is the way we choose what furniture to buy and how to use the furniture we have. And that's very much a reflection of how we live.

Twenty-five years ago, the whole family might have gathered every night around the dining table and every piece of furniture in the dining room had been bought at the same time or was carefully matched. Twenty-five years ago, fewer people lived alone, children rarely had TVs in their rooms or needed computer desks, and the room sizes of newly built homes were larger.

All these factors changed the way we buy furniture today. And that, in turn, influenced how furniture is designed.

We've become much more flexible in the way we use the pieces we buy and we are happy to mix old pieces and new, place heirlooms next to fashion items.

Bedside cabinets can easily double as storage space for paperwork and office supplies. Bookshelves can house DVDs and CDs. Dressing tables make great desks for children and traditional sideboards now pay homeage to the fact that we've become a nation of wine-drinkers.

The way we decorate has changed, too. Gone are the days when solid wood furniture had to be waxed or lacquered. Painted finishes in a range of mouth-watering colours add to the choice a modern furniture store can offer its customers, and they're very popular with customers of all ages.

With the reconstruction of older parts of our towns and the rescue and conversion of factory buildings and warehouses, hints of our industrial heritage have crept into furniture design. Chrome light fixtures, exposed brick and even ironmongery are used to bring solid wood furniture to life... and for a company as passionate about wood furniture as A Touch of Pine A World of Oak – that is excellent news.

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Now & Then: How Furniture Has Evolved

A Touch of Pine first opened its doors in 1989 and to celebrate our 25 year anniversary we are taking a look back at how furniture has evolved over the last two and a half decades. The world is a very different place today than it was 25 years ago and the same can be said for the wonderful world of furniture where tremendous advancements are constantly being made. The 80's and early 90's brought us some incredible music, questionable hair styles and definitely way too many embarrassing fashion choices! It also brought us a completely different range of customer requirements for our home furniture than we are faced with today. The function of the family home has changed massively from the late 80's to present day, and the furniture pieces that are popular now are a strong indicator of what the demands of 21st century family life is like.

One of the main differences that our growing business has adapted to incorporate as time has passed is the ever increasing popularity home office furniture. More and more of us are working from home to fit in around family life, or to supplement the main income. It's unusual not to have at least one computer in the modern family home for homework, personal emails or for keeping up with friends and family abroad. The emergence of the family room is much more common-place today as well. Most homes are likely to have a games console or two which tend to offer so much more than just simple computer gaming. Playstations and the like are the modern Atari, home to music, video and social media and much, much more. A family room as well as a main living room saves any arguments about whose turn it is to choose the evening's entertainment! We have some excellent solutions for living rooms and family rooms such as coffee tables, storage units and various sized TV units to house all your favourite entertainment appliances.

An amazing recent advancement that we are extremely happy about is the increasing affordability of oak furniture. People are usually reluctant to choose this type of wood for home furniture as they think it will be over-priced but this is definitely not true of today's market. A Touch of Pine's stunning oak furniture for bedrooms, living rooms, dining rooms and hallways is a clear indicator of this. We have various incredible oak home furniture ranges for all rooms of the house that our friendly staff will be more than happy to talk you through. We particularly love our Vancouver Premium Oak dining room range for a sophisticated country dining room look!

As well as being completely affordable, our Grange and Blenheim furniture ranges can now be made to measure in an incredible choice of different styles and finishes. Our furniture ranges have definitely evolved since our early days, but the quality of our furniture and customer service has never faltered. We are incredibly proud of how far A Touch of Pine has come and we are tremendously excited to see what awaits our expanding business over the next 25 years.

Kayleigh Groves

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Moving with the Times

25 years on, we're still as passionate about quality furniture as on our very first day of trading. But as we've seen, furniture design has moved on and furniture retail has too. And while quality, style and customer service are as important as ever, customers are now looking for more when visiting our stores.

So, what can we offer customers looking to furnish their homes right now?

Sleek, modern designs

Fewer homes these days are fifty years old, with huge rooms, high ceilings and decorative plasterwork.

Not everyone loves furniture with sweeping curves and a mirror-finish.

So alongside your favourite traditional designs, we offer furniture that combines solid oak or pine with very clean, modern lines. These pieces fit into modern homes and apartments and are very easy to live with.

Painted finishes are definitely here to stay with manufacturers offering colour combinations that reflect modern interior decor trends and harmonise with a large range of accessories available in the shops.

Smaller Footprints

Oak and pine furniture that doesn't overwhelm the rooms in a modern home is one of the many changes in design a furniture retailer like A Touch of Pine A World of Oak can take advantage of these days. Our very popular range of Vancouver solid oak furniture is available in a petite size, which is very much in demand, and our recently introduced Banbury Oak range is proving an equally big hit with customers.

After all, the quality of these smaller pieces is as just as exceptional as that of the full-size ranges. And buying 'petite' doesn't just mean that your furniture will take up less room, it will be easier on your chequebook, too!

Furniture that Fits

Made to measure furniture was a dream for many customers living in quirky cottages and converted attics. They rarely considered it, since – despite of the appeal and a good reputation – made to measure furniture tended to have a price tag to match.

Fortunately, this has changed and it's one change we are very happy to tell you about. When we found a furniture manufacturer who looked beyond beautiful design and quality to consider customers' secret wishlists and work to make those dreams come true, we knew we'd found a partner after our own heart. Our made to measure furniture ranges – Grange Pine, Grange Painted Pine and Blenheim Pine – offer bedroom, living room and occasional furniture at a price you won't believe.

And by the miracles of modern technology, you can experiment with sizes and prices before you order. Just check out the handy tool on our website. Choose your piece of furniture, measure the space you have available in your home, and plug in the numbers. Your quote will appear instantly and you can "rearrange the furniture" until room sizes, storage requirements and your budget all line up!

It's 2014 now, and A Touch of Pine A World of Oak has been in the business of selling quality solid wood furniture since 1989. From its first shop in Eynsham, the company has grown to offer 20,000 sqft of solid pine and oak furniture in classic, traditional and modern designs and is set to find more and better ways to help its customers find just the right furniture for their homes.

Much has happened in the intervening 25 years, but the company's passion for beautiful furniture and exceptional customer service is as strong as ever.

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